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Shelly Wynn wipes her eyes on Sunday. Her husband Const. David Wynn was killed in action. EMMA JACKSON/FOR METRO

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First monument design criticized

PUBLIC ART

Memorial to victims of communism thought to be pricey, 'negative' statement

A federal advisory panel lambasted an early, sombre design for a national memorial to the victims of communism as potentially "detrimental to the dignity" of nearby Parliament Hill, newly released documents show.

The National Capital Commission's advisory committee on planning, design and reality also had concerns last year about the project's price tag. "negative symbolism" and structural safety, particularly in the slippery Ottawa winters, the records reveal.

Other documents disclosed under the Access to Information Act say the projected cost of the memorial had almost doubled to about \$6 million by January of this year.

The records help explain why the commission unveiled plans in

June for a redesigned and significantly smaller version of the memorial.

The commission is expected to consider a final design in November, after the federal election.

The Tory government has strongly backed the planned memorial as a means of recognizing the more than 100 million people around the globe who died or suffered under communist regimes.

The initiative has drawn fierce criticism from critics who object to the memorial's stark design and location on a patch of green in the parliamentary precinct long reserved for a new Federal Court building.

A lawsuit aimed at blocking the project has been placed on hold until after the final design has been approved.

It was well-known that the federal advisory committee, composed of leading architects and planners from across Canada, had concerns about the memorial. But the newly released minutes of the committee's Aug. 21 and 22, 2014, meetings reveal disdain for the entry that would later be selected as the winner by a jury.

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PROBLEMS

The committee's critiques:

- Well over budget;
- Replete with negative symbolism that may be misinterpreted;
- A statement of negativity;
- Problematic to build in that subtleties would be lost;
- Would pose safety and accessibility issues.

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Liberal Leslie soldiers on after military life

After a decorated 35-year military career, Andrew Leslie has spent two years preparing to make the jump to politics.

The retired general became an adviser to Liberal leader Justin Trudeau in September 2013, and declared his intention to seek the party's nomination in Orléans a few months later.

Asked why he wants to be a Member of Parliament, Leslie cites his belief in public service and points to his military experience — managing large teams of people and working with different orders of government, interest groups and cultures.

"I believe an MP not only has to represent their constituents, but also has to do what he or she can to get things for their constituents to make the community better," he said. "If I have any skill sets, it's my ability to get large sums of money from the federal government, which I had to do as army commander and in a variety of other jobs."

In a riding with a large veterans population, Leslie's Forces pedigree could prove to be an asset. He helped write the Liberal platform on veterans, which would allocate \$300 million an-

nually for services such as life-long pensions and a new fund for post-secondary education.

Some have criticized him for not living in the riding (he lives in Rockcliffe Park), but Leslie said he thinks a few Conservatives are trying to use it as a wedge issue; that he was born and raised in the east end and considers himself a member of the community.

The issue comes up at the door "occasionally, mainly from Conservatives who are astonished when I tell them that Mr. Galipeau and I live in the same riding.

Among the two major parties vying for the non-Conservative vote, Leslie said the Liberal plan to increase infrastructure spending and thus run deficits until 2019 is "the major differentiator" between his party and the NDP. MICHAEL WOODS/METRO



Andrew Leslie METRO

No need for change: Conservative Galipeau

Royal Galipeau hears the Liberal Party and NDP imploring voters to choose change on Oct. 19, but the Conservative incumbent is skeptical.

"This word 'change' is a loaded word," says Galipeau, first elected in 2006. "They don't mean 'change'. They mean they want the people of Orléans to disavow the change that they gave themselves in 2006.

"They use the word change because it's a nice word that people like, but that's not what they're after. They're angry as hell that the people of Orléans have made a mistake in 2006, and they've got to come back to their senses."

Galipeau was re-elected in 2008 and 2011, and says while

some candidates have an "intellectual knowledge" of Orléans voters' concerns, "I'm emotionally connected to those issues, because I'm rooted in them."

For example, Galipeau said, he's been advocating for light rail transit for 30 years, since his days on Gloucester city council.

In July, the Conservative government took less than two weeks to agree to the city's funding request of up to \$1 billion toward Phase 2 of the project, which would extend it out to Place d'Orléans.

Protecting the Greenbelt from encroachment and securing funds for the clean-up of the Ottawa River are also chief among Galipeau's priorities.

He said as an MP, he has been "totally engaged with the community in a way that's never happened in the past.

"In the good old days of Liberal MPs, you had MPs that took that district for granted. People know that they can rely on me, and they also know that I don't give them any false hopes," he said. MICHAEL WOODS/METRO



Royal Galipeau CONTRIBUTED

Fear of refugees isn't very Canadian: NDP's Tremblay

ELECTION 2015

RIDING PROFILE: ORLÉANS



Michael Woods
Metro|Ottawa

Orléans election races have historically been two-way contests between Liberals and Conservatives, but Nancy Tremblay doesn't see it that way this time.

The NDP candidate points out that the popular vote in Orléans has always mirrored the national result. She hopes both favour the New Democrats on Oct. 19.

"People forget too easily the reason why the Conservatives are in (power) in the first place. They got elected because people were sick of the Liberals," she said. "The Liberals promise that they'll be different this time, but I don't believe it."

Tremblay is an environmental scientist with the federal government and also runs a horse farm and software company with her husband.

A mother of two young children, she lives in the riding and said she understands what it's like to have student debt, pay for child care and battle gridlock to and from work.

"I feel like I can really represent Orléans, because I am the people of Orléans," she said.

An environmental scientist, she said she's "ashamed" of Liberal and Conservative records on the environment. She said she

plans to reveal a local platform with some other things during the first week of October.

One thing she's noticed while door-knocking is what she describes as a trend of "fear and mistrust" among some members of the population. She wants to bring local leaders together to discuss the problem.

"Some of the things that I'm hearing are shocking," she said. "There's a massive divide between new Canadians and other Canadians."

She said while canvassing on one street, people at eight houses in a row were "worried about bringing over refugees because they're going to be terrorists. It's so un-Canadian, it's a trend I'm seeing and I'm

embarrassed about it."

She said, if elected, she'd like to stage events to bring people from different cultures together to help people better understand each other.

THE SERIES

This week, Metro takes a look at the candidates in Orléans. It's the 7th in our series of profiles. In our final instalment next week, we look at candidates in Ottawa West—Nepean.



Some of the things I'm hearing are shocking.

Nancy Tremblay



RIDING PROFILE

Orléans (its name changed from Ottawa—Orléans in 2013) is seen as a key swing riding in this election. It was Liberal from its creation in 1988 until 2006.

The riding encompasses Orléans, Blackburn Hamlet,

Notre-Dame-des-Chaps and Carlsbad Springs, as well as parts of the old cities of Gloucester and Cumberland. With a population of 119,000 people, the riding is about one-third francophone, with a large num-

ber of public servants and members of the military.

Candidates:

Royal Galipeau, Conservative (Incumbent)
Andrew Leslie, Liberal
Raphael Morin, Green

Nancy Tremblay, NDP

2011 results:

Royal Galipeau, Conservative: 45%
David Bertschi, Liberal: 38%
Martine Cenatus, NDP: 14%
Paul Maillet, Green: 3%

Memorial honours 4 police, peace officers killed in action

PARLIAMENT HILL

Loved ones and dignitaries gathered

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

A mother, a lifeguard, an outdoorsman and a football fanatic:

The four police and peace officers honoured at a memorial on Parliament Hill Sunday were remembered not only for their sacrifice in the line of duty, but also for their passions, their kindness and their love for family.

Edmonton Police Const. Daniel Woodall, Alberta RCMP Const. David Wynn, commercial transport enforcement officer Toni Kristinsson and Manitoba correctional officer Rhonda Commodore were all killed while on duty in the past year.

The 38th annual Canadian Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service honoured them, along with eight others who had died in previous years, and added their names to the national honour roll.

"The inscriptions of their names on the monument are lasting reminders of the services they rendered, and the sacrifice they made for their community and our country," said Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney, who addressed about 1,000 police and peace forces, dignitaries and family members who gathered on Parliament's great lawn.

He thanked the thousands of men and women who work to keep the country safe.

"Each day or night, you leave for your shift facing the possibil-

ity that you could be harmed or even worse," Blaney said. "Yet you go and you uphold your duty, and for this you have a nation that is saying, 'thank you.'"

Manitoba corrections officer Rhonda Commodore was killed in a crash near The Pas, Man. on Nov. 6, 2014, which also injured six of the inmates she was escorting. According to a biography read at the service, she was the glue of her extended family, always planning events to bring everyone together.

"The birth of her son Anthony was the highlight of Rhonda's life. Being a mother was the most important thing in her life, and everything she did with him and for him was a pleasure," said police Staff Sgt. Julie Vaillant.

Const. Daniel Woodall left the U.K. to join the Edmonton police in 2007. He was part of the force's hate crimes unit when he was shot to death on June 8 on the steps of a West Edmonton home, leaving behind his wife and two young sons.

He was remembered as a passionate football fan — a love he passed on to his boys while playing soccer with them every day.

Const. David Wynn was a lifeguard and a paramedic before he joined Alberta's RCMP in 2009. He was posted to the community of St. Albert, and six years later was shot at a casino. He died of injuries four days later.

His wife Shelly Wynn helped lay a wreath on behalf of all four families. She wiped away tears before kneading yellow flowers into the large display.

Commercial transport enforcement officer Toni Kristinsson was killed Feb. 1 in a collision on Hwy 5 near Jasper National Park. He was remembered as an avid outdoorsman, volunteer and a family man.



Kris Thomson presents the headdress of Toni Kristinsson, who was killed on duty last February; Dignitaries and politicians had front row seats to the memorial; The hat of Edmonton Police Const. Daniel Woodall was laid on the steps of Parliament Hill.

EMMA JACKSON/METRO



+ RUN TO REMEMBER

In the days leading up to the National Peace Officers' Memorial Run, 10 Ottawa police officers joined 300 other officers in the Run to Remember which ended on Parliament Hill Saturday.

The 460-kilometre relay started at the Ontario Police Memorial in Toronto on Thursday to raise awareness about the Memorial and allow officers in other jurisdictions a chance to participate in the service on Parliament Hill. METRO

POLITICS

Former Wynne aide to join John Tory

A former senior aide for Premier Kathleen Wynne and urban affairs stalwart is joining Toronto Mayor John Tory's office, Torstar News Service has learned.

Siri Agrell, who first worked as a journalist for more than a decade, will join the mayor's office starting Monday as director of strategic initiatives, working on strategic direction and long-term communications with the public and various stakeholders.

As a private citizen, Agrell has been credited with helping the mayor's office with

strategy on recent controversial topics, including with his turnaround in speaking out against the police practice of carding and on deciding not to bid for the 2024 Olympics.

A source with knowledge of the hiring said the mayor's office is glad to have a "progressive" voice and "another strong woman" added to the team.

Agrell first entered the political scene after leaving her reporting role at the Globe & Mail, where she focused on national urban affairs.

She joined Wynne's team at Queen's Park as a senior

communications staffer in 2012 when the premier was still minister of municipal affairs and housing and minister of aboriginal affairs. Agrell stayed with Wynne when she launched her successful 2012 Liberal leadership bid. Agrell returned to Queen's Park with Wynne as her deputy director of communications, overseeing speech writing and strategic communications.

Agrell leaves her job as vice president of Pilot PMR, a communications strategy firm where she has worked since March 2014. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Shocking new taxi feud video

PICKUP FEE PROTESTS

Clip just one of many showing alleged protest attacks, insults



Lucy Scholey
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A second video of what appears to be a group of Ottawa taxi drivers beating a vehicle was released on Friday.

This 18-second clip — entitled “Former Airport Taxi drivers/supporters attack Ottawa taxi” — appears to be filmed with a dash cam inside the vehicle.

It shows four men running onto the road in front of the vehicle as it's turning. Two men strike the hood with Unifor flags before the vehicle speeds away.

The date at the bottom of the video, which was posted to YouTube on Friday, reads Sept. 8 — the same day as a clip showing protesters smashing a Blueline Taxi cab and breaking the rear windshield. The car was carrying a passenger at the time.

As a result, Ottawa police charged three cabbies with mischief over \$5,000 and possession of a dangerous weapon.

Police say they are aware of this second video but couldn't comment on whether an investigation was underway.

Since Aug. 11, cab drivers with Airport Taxi YOW have been protesting a hike in stand pickup fees from about \$1.50 to about \$5 per pick-up. To the protesters' chagrin, several of their colleagues from other cab companies have continued picking up passengers at the airport. Blueline, Capital and Airport Taxi YOW are all with major dispatch company Coventry Connections. Its drivers are members of Ontario Taxi Union Local 1688.

Another video posted earlier this month apparently shows a taxi driver swearing at and threatening an Uber driver. That cabbie has voluntarily stepped away from his job, pending an investigation.

In June, someone recorded a Capital Taxi driver shouting profanities and racial slurs at a security guard. He was driving with an expired taxicab licence and has since been fired.



A YouTube clip shows several men with Unifor flags running in front of a vehicle and striking the hood. SCREENGRAB



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PUBLIC SECTOR

Ad blitz says Canada faces death by a thousand cuts



Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

Three weeks before election day, Canada's largest public-servants' union is ramping up its anti-Conservative ad campaign.

The Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC), which represents more than 170,000 workers, is launching a second phase of the Vote to Stop the Cuts campaign that takes direct aim at Stephen Harper and the Conservatives.

The \$2.7-million national ad campaign started in July but was scaled back once the election was called in early August. There are strict limits on third-party advertising spending during election campaigns.

Now, as the long federal election campaign heads into the home stretch, the ad blitz is back, with a new video, transit and newspapers ads and online content such as downloadable posters and “shareable Facebook memes.”

“The Harper Conservatives’ cuts to public services and dismantling of our most cherished institutions threaten the very fabric of our country,” says the



Public Service Alliance of Canada's Robyn Benson believes their message is resonating with Canadians. METRO FILE

narrator of the new video, accompanying the ominous imagery of a bleeding maple leaf.

“The upcoming election is perhaps the most important in recent history.... Vote to make our country a better place than it has become.”

PSAC says it's not supporting any particular party but merely wants to inform Canadians about what it contends are crippling cuts to six key areas: veterans affairs, border security, environmental protection, search and rescue, employment insurance and food safety.

“We believe our message is resonating with Canadians, as we provide facts about the many essential public services

that have been threatened by the reckless cuts made by the Harper Conservative government without regard for the safety and welfare of millions of Canadians,” said PSAC national president Robyn Benson.

PSAC members voted at the union's national convention earlier this year to devote \$5 million toward raising awareness about the government cuts. This campaign represents part of that amount.

However, cognizant of election spending limits for third parties during election campaigns, Benson said in August that PSAC would need to be “strategic” about how it advertises during the writ period.

HERITAGE

Quebec to fix 11 racist site names

Eleven Quebec sites whose names contain words with pejorative or racist connotations will be renamed, a provincial commission announced Friday.

In a news release, the commission announced it had “de-officialized” the place names, all of which contain the word “n-----” or the French word “negre.”

“Some of these place names, over time, testify to historical events,” the statement read. “However, even if the words ‘n-----’ and ‘negro’ are of ancient usage, they can violate the dignity of the members of the black community.”

Rachel Zellars, a McGill University PhD candidate who studies the history of slavery and of black Canadians, started a petition in early August after hearing a media report that included the statement that no official complaints had been lodged against the names.

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Leaders keep it local

ELECTION 2015

NDP, Tories keep focus on homegrown issues

All three main federal parties concentrated on homegrown, hot-button issues and largely kept their foreign policy powder dry ahead of the next leaders’ debate.

New Democrats put themselves squarely in the spotlight with Tom Mulcair outlining, in broad strokes, the party’s plan to address climate change. But in a half-hour long question-and-answer session with party members and the media, he forcefully reiterated his case to repeal two signature pieces of the Harper government’s security and anti-terror agenda.

Not to be outdone, the Conservatives rolled out two cabinet ministers to take shots at the Liberals over Justin Trudeau’s suggestion his party would scrap some aspects of the mandatory minimum sen-

tencing law, another marquee piece of legislation for a government that paints itself as tough on crime.

Tony Clement and Julian Fantino, speaking in Vaughan, Ont., also went after Trudeau for interview comments earlier in the weekend where he was quoted as saying deficits are a way of measuring economic growth and success of a government.

Both ministers, additionally, piled on the \$146 billion costing of the Liberal platform, released Saturday in Ottawa, saying it would “destabilize” the economy.

Trudeau and Conservative Leader Stephen Harper were both off the campaign trail in anticipation of Monday’s foreign policy debate.

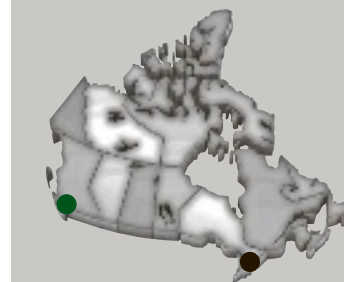
Mulcair, in Toronto to talk climate change, gave a taste of how acrimonious the exchange could get by accusing the Conservatives of holding back until the middle of the election campaign on the plan to strip the citizenship of the convicted Toronto 18 terror ringleader.

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NDP Leader Tom Mulcair addresses supporters during a campaign stop in Toronto. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

WHERE THE LEADERS ARE MONDAY



• **Stephen Harper, Justin Trudeau and Tom Mulcair** will be in Toronto for the Munk debate on foreign policy taking place at 7 p.m. EST.

• **Elizabeth May** will be in Vancouver.

ROBERT PICKTON

Missing tributes shock brother

A brother of one of the women murdered by Robert Pickton says he’s shocked and upset after the City of Vancouver removed plaques honouring three of the killer’s victims.

Bronze plaques bearing the names of Georgina Papin, Brenda Wolfe and Marnie Frey were installed in a sidewalk in the city’s Downtown Eastside in 2012.

George Papin said he treasured the memorial “as it was a part of me, just like my sister,” he said. “And now they take this away.”

The memorials were part of an unfinished project called The Living Stones, which was originally set to lay 62 plaques at the last known locations of missing and murdered women.

The city took over the project in 2013 after the non-profit group that launched it dissolved. A city spokesman said staff had been working to “resolve issues” around the project. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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'I trust none of them' — except Green party leader



ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
in Edmonton

It's all about one federal leader for Anna Rushdy.

"I feel like I'm pretty good at reading whether someone's being honest. I trust none of them, with the exception of Elizabeth May."

To the 27-year-old Edmontonian, every other federal party leader is a slave to partisan politics. And May is the antidote.

So, on Oct. 19, Rushdy will vote Green.

"Partisan politics actually does nothing, especially for me — and when I say for me, I mean poor people."

"We already know Harper doesn't care about poor people, but I'd be hard-pressed to believe that the other two do."

The Liberals' Justin Trudeau, in particular, earned Rushdy's ire through his glad-handing presence at Pride events in the city, politicking at a time when Rushdy says the LGBTQ community, and its oppression, should be in the spotlight.

They (Rushdy is gender-non-conforming and rejects he/she pronouns) sit in the basement café of an old brick building in Edmonton, the site of a former job, before they landed a slightly better low-paying job at a bakery.

After graduating in 2011 with a degree in education with a specialization in special-needs care, Rushdy hasn't been able to find related work. Deferring student loans has helped, but it doesn't make them disappear.

Rushdy's been to the polls twice before: Once to vote Green, and once to spoil the ballot — drawing happy faces beside each candidate. It was only after hearing Elizabeth May promise to make post-secondary education free and forgive student debt above \$10,000, that Rushdy decided to pick a candidate this time.

"Those are things that actually affect my quality of life. It's very anti-classist, and I love that."

Planning to vote Green in a riding pollsters are predicting is a tight NDP/Liberal race doesn't worry Rushdy.

"If you're constantly telling people, 'If you vote a certain way, you're throwing away your vote' — no one will ever vote that way."

That kind of language only underlines the status quo, Rushdy said.

"If we truly believe in democracy and that's how we have our voices heard, we need to vote for who we think is best, and not because all your friends are voting NDP, and it's hip and fashionable."

Rushdy believes change is possible: "We never thought we would see a non-Conservative Alberta."

As the election approaches, Rushdy senses a chance to shift political discourse.

"I think my needs are most met not even just by what the party platform is, but by anti-partisan politics."

"Because what it is, is a discussion between people not against people."

Plus: "I'm looking forward to a Harper-free Canada."

Rosemary Westwood is travelling across the country talking to young voters.



VOTER PROFILE

Name: Anna Rushdy **Age:** 27 **Riding:** Edmonton Centre
Their issues: LGBTQ rights, poverty, post-secondary education funding

On engagement, federal politicians can't fight city hall

MUNICIPAL VS. FEDERAL

Partisanship among national parties seen as a turnoff



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Chris Henderson has run three

highly successful municipal campaigns. His most recent gave Edmonton's 36-year-old mayor, Don Iveson, a resounding win in 2013.

Henderson, 33, took leave from his full-time job in marketing to work 20-hour days for months to help Iveson get elected, but he's decidedly less interested in the federal election. "I would let my children watch violent television before I would let them watch a leader's debate," he said.

Henderson said the partisan and acrimonious debates in federal politics are turning young people off and keeping them out of the process.

He said that Iveson's campaign was able to attract hundreds of young volunteers in large part because no one cared what someone had done before or what party they belonged to.

"It was just whoever was interested in working," he said. "There was no ideological behaviour involved."

On top of that, he said, federal politicians are missing the basics people care about — issues like good roads, affordable housing and reliable transit. "Municipal services are the things that actually matter to people."

Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi agrees there is far too much "mindless partisanship" in federal politics and he believes Canadians feel the same.

"I don't identify with the left or the right or the Conservative

or the Liberal and I think very few Canadians actually do," he said. "They identify with pragmatic things that will make their community better."

Nenshi said party politics forces leaders to focus on things essential to their base, but meaningless to most Canadians. "The current debate around the niqab at citizenship ceremonies is a really good example of that," he said. "It matters to no one."

Iveson said the young people

he talks to are engaged, but in local issues, like housing and transit, or global ones like climate change and the refugee crisis. "Federal politics in particular is pretty abstract when you're dealing with your post-secondary issues, or your transportation issues or your housing issues," he said.

Iveson said there are battleground ridings that could swing if federal politicians were talking about how to make buying a house or getting to work easier.



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Secessionists jubilant

CATALONIA

Victory in Spanish vote could lead to breakoff nation

Pro-secession parties pushing for Spain's northeastern Catalonia region to break away and form a new Mediterranean nation won a landmark vote Sunday by capturing a majority of seats in the region's parliament, setting up a possible showdown over independence with the central government in Madrid.

With 97 per cent of the vote counted, the "Together for Yes" group of secessionists had 62 seats in the 135-member parliament. If they join forces with the left-wing pro-independence Popular Unity Candidacy party, which won 10 seats, they will have the 68 seats needed to push forward their plan to make Catalonia independent from Spain by 2017.

But CUP had insisted that it would only join an independence bid if secessionist parties



Pro-independence supporters cry out in Barcelona on Sunday, after an election that might propel Catalans toward separation from the rest of Spain by 2017. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

won more than 50 per cent of the popular vote. They won only about 46 per cent because of a quirk in Spanish election law that gives a higher proportion of legislative seats to rural areas with fewer voters.

Still, Catalonia leader Artur Mas claimed victory as a jubilant crowd interrupted him with cheers and chants

of "Independence!"

Many Catalans who favour breaking away from Spain say their industrialized region, which represents nearly a fifth of Spain's economic output, pays too much in taxes and receives less than its fair share of government investment.

"As democrats we were prepared to accept the defeat.

Now, we demand that they accept the victory for Catalonia and the victory of the 'yes,'" said Mas. "We have a lot of work ahead, we won't let you down, we know we have the democratic mandate. We have won and that gives us an enormous strength to push this project forward."

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SYRIA

France launches first airstrikes against ISIL

Six French jet fighters targeted and destroyed an Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) training camp in eastern Syria in a five-hour operation on Sunday, President Francois Hollande announced, making good on a promise to go after the group that he has said is planning attacks against several countries, including France.

The multiple airstrikes were the first in Syria by France as it expands its mission against ISIL, until now centred in Iraq.

"The camp was totally destroyed," Hollande said Sunday after arriving at the United Nations, before the start of a major development summit and the U.N. General Assembly bringing together world leaders.

"We're sure there were no casualties" among civilians, he added.

The French president's office announced the strikes, without details, in a statement hours

earlier.

"Our nation will strike each time our national security is at stake," the statement said.

Hollande told reporters the strikes on the training camp, and others to come, were aimed at "protecting our territory, cutting short terrorist actions, acting in legitimate defence."

However, the strikes will likely have but a limited effect. The U.S.-led coalition has been

carrying out regular airstrikes that punish but have failed to decimate ISIL, which controls large swaths of Syria.

Hollande's decision to

carry out targeted strikes on strategic ISIL sites is coupled with France's bid to press for a political solution to the Syrian crisis. Beyond military objectives, the strikes serve to bolster France's position in helping to find a solution to a crisis that also includes Russia and Iran.

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A 'moral outrage'

DEVELOPMENT

Obama pledges U.S. support to new UN anti-poverty strategy

President Barack Obama on Sunday committed the U.S. to a new blueprint to eliminate poverty and hunger around the world, telling a global summit that a sweeping new development agenda is "not charity but instead is one of the smartest investments we can make in our own future."

It was the first of two addresses Obama is making at the United Nations. His second, to the annual UN General Assembly of world leaders and expected Monday, will be a broader examination of world issues, especially the escalating conflict in Syria and the related refugee crisis.

As Secretary of State John Kerry said after a meeting Sunday, "It would be a complete understatement to say that we meet at a challenging time."

Obama offered a powerful defence of a 15-year development

agenda that will require trillions of dollars of effort from countries, companies and civil society.

He told delegates 800 million men, women and children scrape by on less than \$1.25 a day and billions of people are at risk of dying from preventable diseases.

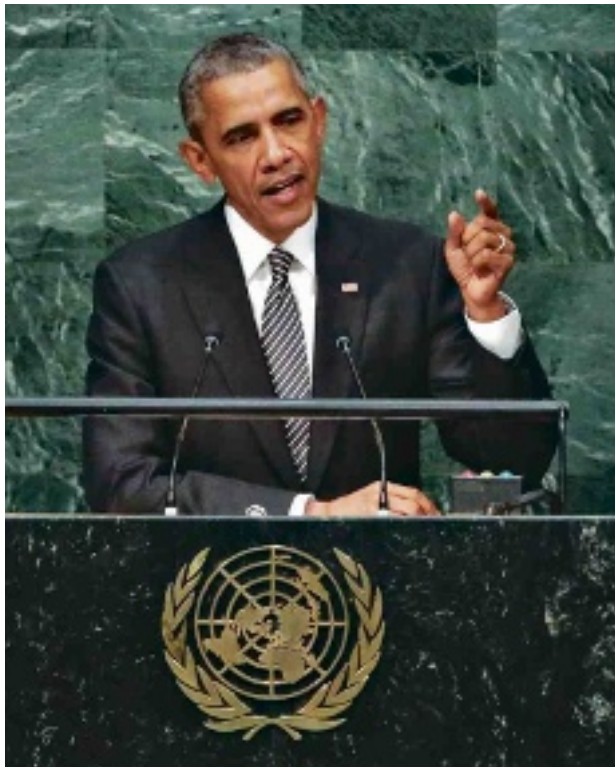
He called it a "moral outrage" that many children are just one mosquito bite away from death.

Obama said the goals are ambitious but can be achieved if governments work together.

And, with a possible nod toward his address on Monday, he noted "military interventions might have been avoided over the years" if countries had spent more time, money and effort on caring for their own people.

"Development is threatened by war," Obama said, and war often arises from bad governance. Addressing the world's greatest refugee crisis since the Second World War as millions flee conflict in Syria and elsewhere, he said countries "that can, must do more to accommodate refugees" but added those efforts "must be matched by hard work of diplomacy."

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U.S. President Barack Obama addresses the 2015 Sustainable Development Summit at the United Nations headquarters in New York City on Sunday. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PAPAL VISIT

Pontiff takes part in massive Mass

Pope Francis joined hundreds of thousands of the faithful Sunday for the last and biggest event of his joyful, six-day U.S. visit — a Mass on Philadelphia's grandest boulevard — after meeting with victims of the church sex abuse scandal and offering words of hope to jail inmates.

Riding through the streets in his open-sided popemobile, the pontiff waved to cheering, screaming, singing, flag-waving crowds as he made his way up the Benjamin Franklin Parkway and reached the altar at the foot of the broad steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. It was the final stop on his itinerary before he was to return to Rome.

Organizers predicted a crowd of one million, though there were fears unprecedented security — including airport-style bag searches, crowd-control cattle chutes and blocked streets — had scared many people away.

Prior to the Mass, Francis met with victims of child sexual abuse and told them he is "deeply sorry" for the times they told their story and weren't believed. He assured them he believes them and bishops will be held to account for what they did.



We will follow the path of truth wherever it may lead.

Pope Francis

"I pledge to you that we will follow the path of truth wherever it may lead," Francis said in Spanish.

Then, he went into a meeting with American bishops in town for a Catholic festival on the family and told them the same thing face-to-face.

"God weeps" over what was done to the youngsters, he said.

Also Sunday, Francis visited a Philadelphia jail to give hope of redemption to about 100 inmates.

"May you make possible new opportunities, new journeys, new paths," he said, standing before a wooden chair the men had made for him for the occasion.

The blue-uniformed inmates, some of them heavily tattooed, seemed moved. They clasped Francis' hands, and two gave him a hug. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PRAIRIE DOGS

Relocation 'better than letting somebody shoot it'

Most mornings, wildlife biologist Jessica Van Woeart and her team go to work armed with peanut butter.

In subdivisions and across rural pastures in southern Utah, they use it to help trap prairie dogs to move them away from residents who have been besieged by the small burrowing rodents for years.

The Utah prairie dog is the smallest of five species and lives in underground colonies in the southern part of the state. Considered key to the ecosystem,

their numbers dropped precipitously as land was cleared to make way for people. They were listed as endangered in 1973.

With federal protection, the population rebounded to about 28,000 as of this spring, according to state tallies, and they were upgraded to threatened.

But the animals weren't rare to locals.

"They're really cute little things, but they really cause so much damage," said Sharon Peterson, a Cedar City resident.

In 2013, a group of residents



A Utah prairie dog in its artificial burrow. RICK BOWMER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

sued in federal court. After U.S. District Judge Dee Benson's ruling, the ranks of prairie dogs near Peterson's house thinned

under a new trapping program.

Van Woeart heads that program up. Some days, they catch more than 100 prairie dogs. After they're caught, the creatures are weighed, tagged and then loaded into a pickup truck for an hour-long drive to a new home.

Their new homes are prepared ahead of time: A system of artificial burrows made from irrigation piping and plastic boxes and buried underground.

The workers leave food and water and try to keep the highly social animals together, but many

of them don't survive transition.

"When you pick an animal up out of its natural setting and you move it to a new location ... you can expect a fairly high mortality rate," Keith Day, a state biologist who oversees the program, said.

Still, he said trapping an animal and moving it is better than the lethal methods that fed-up locals used to employ.

"If we can put a prairie dog out on federal land and get a colony out of it, that's better than letting somebody shoot it," Day said.

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IN BRIEF

Axle to be examined in fatal duck boat collision

Federal investigators say the left front axle of a duck boat involved in a deadly Seattle accident was sheared off, but they don't know if it was damaged beforehand. National Transportation Safety Board Member Earl Weener said Saturday the axle will be examined in a federal lab, but it's too soon to know how or when the axle was damaged.

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EUROPE

Concessions made for refugees

Co-operation replaced confrontation this past weekend among European nations as thousands of asylum-seekers streamed into Croatia in hopes of creating a new future in Western Europe.

Despite steps that should eventually ease the chaos, the sheer number of people flooding into Croatia strained the resources of one of the European Union's poorest nations.

At least 10,000 arrived on Friday alone, and Croatian authorities struggled to keep up with the influx of those flee-

ing war and poverty in the Middle East, Africa and Asia.

Still, a new co-operative mode began emerging among the nations in southeast Europe. Hungary announced it had removed spools of razor wire from a section of its border with Slovenia, a barrier that breached EU rules about unrestricted travel within much

of its territory. The gesture followed the reopening of the main border point between Croatia and Serbia.

The concessions, coming two days after an EU summit on the migrant crisis, suggested the bloc had become alarmed at the lack of co-operation among its members and the increasingly ugly tone of their exchanges. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The number of migrants that have entered Croatia since Sept. 15. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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BlackBerry tries Android

TECHNOLOGY

New phone to address issue of lack of apps, CEO says

With its hardware sales still flagging BlackBerry's chief executive John Chen says he's found a different way to sell his devices. For the first time in BlackBerry's history, the company is going to sell a smartphone that runs on somebody else's programming rather than its own in-house creation.

BlackBerry will release the Priv phone later this year, which uses Google's Android operating system. The switch was a controversial decision at BlackBerry, Chen told reporters Friday at the company's Waterloo, Ont. headquarters, but it addresses one of the biggest marketing

problems BlackBerry faced: Its phones are missing some of the most popular apps and games used by most customers and even businesses.

"I am now going to eliminate apps as an excuse not to buy our phone," Chen said. "We'll see how it goes."

BlackBerry's lack of apps has been a thorn in its side.

Handfuls of popular apps, from dating service Tinder to Candy Crush, were unavailable for years. Chen tried to eliminate that problem last fall in a partnership with the Amazon Appstore, which offers thousands of apps built for the Android operating system.

The BlackBerry Priv.

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His hope was that Amazon's store would see its app selection multiply quickly after the launch of the Amazon Fire phone last year. But when sales of Amazon's first device failed to ignite, it left Chen in a partnership



BlackBerry chief executive John Chen says switch from its in-house operating system means to eliminate one of the company's biggest marketing problems. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

that wasn't quite as ideal as he'd hoped — many apps, like Netflix and Snapchat, were still missing from the mix — and

BlackBerry sales suggested that customers weren't swayed by the proposition.

BlackBerry hopes the Priv

will give it another swing at making a smartphone that competes with the best.

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IN BRIEF

Millennials digging into news, study finds

Four out of every 10 young adults actively seek out the news, reveals an analysis of their media habits by the Media Insight Project, breaking the stereotype image about the millennial generation being uninformed. Even the out-of-it others say they stumble on news while they're catching up with friends on Facebook, scanning their Twitter feeds or looking for entertainment online. Older millennials, ages 25 to 34, say they make staying informed a priority.

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Ottawa posts surplus of \$150 million for July

The federal government posted a \$150-million surplus for July compared with a \$1.23-billion deficit for the same month last year. The Finance Department says the surplus came as government revenue increased by \$2.12 billion in July, while expenses grew at a slower pace.

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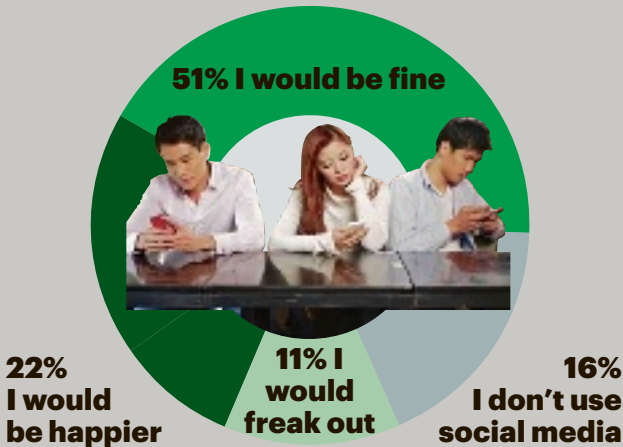
Apocalypse already? Norway's "doomsday vault" — which stores seeds in case of global agricultural disaster — has been cracked open to retrieve species lost in Syria's civil war.

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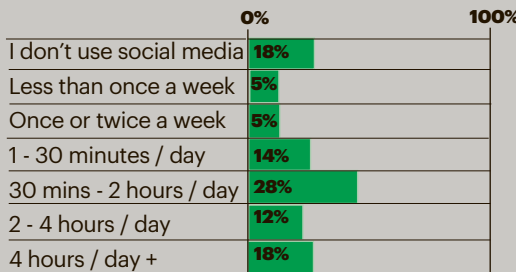
Are you addicted to social media?

On Thursday, all 1.49 billion Facebook users lost service for a few minutes. Mass panic quickly followed. Some people wondered aloud (and on other social-media sites) if they even remembered how to talk to people by any other means. Here at Metro, we wondered if — in our social-media-saturated world — we could ever go back to the way things were. We asked our readers if they're hooked on the social web and what they would miss if their favourite sites and apps went down for good.

1 What would happen if all your favourite social-media platforms went dark? (Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Instagram, Vine, Snapchat, etc.)

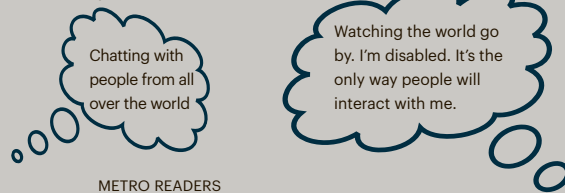


2 How much time do you spend on social media?



3 What do you use social media for?

- 21% Keeping in touch
- 18% Following the news
- 16% Wasting time
- 9% Seeing what people are up to
- 8% Playing games
- 7% Planning my social life
- 6% Interacting with people I see all the time
- 5% Expressing opinions
- 2% Activism
- 8% Other/I don't use social media



METRO READERS

Nobody has a lock on the city's public spaces

COLLINS' CAPITAL

Steve Collins



Halfway across the Corktown Footbridge, I wonder how Jeff and Kristen are doing.

The "love lock" bearing their names has accumulated some rust since its installation, but it's still securely affixed, one of hundreds of similar declarations of undying devotion that festoon the bridge.

When the bridge opened nine years ago, love locks weren't part of the plan. They just started appearing as couples claimed a tiny bit of the bridge, adding a personal touch to public property.

The locks are an intriguing traffic stopper and conversation starter, but it's possible to have too much of a good thing.

Last year in Paris, a section of the railing of the Pont

Des Arts collapsed under the weight of love locks. In June, city workers removed roughly a million of them, weighing more than 40 tonnes.

Even before the burden of love became an engineering problem, some Parisians had been complaining the locks were a visual blight and circulating a petition to unlock their bridge.

Not everybody adores the love locks here, either. Last week, one critic took a marker to several spots along the railing to dub the display "The Lock Mess Monster."

This commentary had been painted over by Saturday, whether for being unsightly or simply unromantic.

As for the locks themselves, the city's attitude is indulgent, since there's no risk of a Parisian overload. But in places like Vancouver and Toronto, these public displays of affection have drawn municipal workers with bolt-cutters.

It can be tricky to negotiate the contradiction of public space: It's yours, but not only yours.

A blue, red, orange and green infestation of election signs sprang up on seemingly every patch of available publicly owned grass Sept. 19, their appearance mercifully delayed for several weeks by city by-law. Just as quickly, signs got knocked down or broken. Whether inspired by partisan fervour or just annoyance at promotional clutter on our collective lawn, that's neither sporting nor legal.

Tensions over the uses of our public places can be small, like those pilot-project sidewalk patios along Elgin Street, which take scarce space from pedestrians, but also give them a livelier, more convivial place to walk. There's a science to sharing space.

On a larger scale, the turf war continues over the proposed Victims of Communism

Memorial near the Supreme Court, a vital monument to freedom for supporters, a dreary and tasteless eyesore to detractors.

A few blocks from where our lone marker-wielder took a stand against love locks, an uglier spat broke out last week. Someone defaced a mural dedicated to black and transgender victims of violence. The graffiti messages ("You've been warned") were creepy enough to merit a complaint to the Ottawa police hate crimes unit.

I own about as much of the urban commons as you do and have equivalent (miniscule) say in how it gets used or decorated, but I'm confident most of us would take love locks over hate scrawls any damn day.

Steve Collins lives in Ottawa. He might also be the guy behind you on the bus, pretending not to notice you're reading this. Act casual.

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Forgive me, Francis, but I was hoping for better from you



Michael Coren
For Metro

He came, he spoke, he went. Pope Francis visited the United States for the first time, delivered a speech to congress and the United Nations and met with the country's Catholic and non-Catholic leaders alike. The man has a human touch, a generosity of spirit and a progressive persona that gives hope and differentiates him from his predecessor. But in all honesty, the visit will change very little.

I realize this is not what the public wants to hear, but passing emotionalism is simply not enough. The same occurred when Pope John Paul visited Canada for World Youth Day in 2002 — massive enthusiasm for a few days and then a severe case of back-to-business-as-usual.

In his speeches, Francis spoke lyrically of the Golden Rule, of love, humanity and our communal existence. He also touched briefly and implicitly on his condemnation of abortion and same-sex marriage but was far more precise in dealing with climate change, immigration and the need for peace and gave specific attention to the plight of the poor. It was compelling stuff.

But the reality of the situation is that the modern Catholic Church is polarized and top-heavy. The leadership rejects contraception,

gay rights, abortion and female ordination, even while the vast majority of western Catholics disagree. Indeed, these papal positions are considered so morally anachronistic today in North America and Europe that it prevents Catholicism from preaching the gospel or being taken seriously. Young people in particular reject any institution or ideology that in their eyes rejects gender and sexual equality.

Then there was what Francis did not say. While he referred to the sexual-abuse crisis in the United States and met with some of its victims, he didn't admit to its systemic nature and ignored the fact that the church had denied and obfuscated until the media made acknowledgement unavoidable.

Francis is the Pope of paradox. While he is certainly concerned for the marginalized, his church refuses to sanction condom use even in countries with staggeringly high levels of HIV/AIDS. He cares for the disabled but leads an institution that fights embryonic stem-cell research that could lead to countless medical cures. He embraces the poor, but the wealth of the Vatican is beyond counting.

Nobody would deny that the Roman Catholic message is now being delivered in far more empathetic tones than in the past, but it is substance rather than delivery that matters. Forgive me, Father, but I am still waiting.

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Kids' books tackle tough topics

BOOKS

Stories help parents with talks about sex and death

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For Metro Canada



How young is too young to learn about sex? Disease? Death?

"As parents, we want our kids to learn everything," says Cory Silverberg, author and sex educator. "We get so excited when they learn a new word, how to walk. But even in the most open of households, sex is a topic that gets treated a bit differently. It's the same for death, violence and war. And that's confusing to kids."

Books, he says, can help parents have those difficult conversations.



Bug in a Vacuum examines the five stages of grief, even though it doesn't explicitly talk about death. CONTRIBUTED/MELANIE WATT

Sex is a Funny Word
Silverberg started writing *Sex is a Funny Word* (Seven Stories, \$23.95, out now) more than two years ago — well ahead of the deluge of news around the current Ontario curriculum, issues of consent, and transgender rights. And with all these topics in the news, the timing of its release couldn't be better.

Sex is a Funny Word is a trans-positive and feminist-leaning sex education guide for kids eight to 10 that tackles consent, gender and masturbation (and more). It was written and illustrated to be

as inclusive as possible, he says. Phrases like "could feel" and "is an example of" are meant to help kids realize that just because they don't feel a certain way, have a certain body part or do a certain thing, it doesn't mean something is wrong with them.

"When you say 'having your mom brush your hair is an example of feeling good in your body,' well what happens if that person doesn't have a mom?" he says. "That's a little moment that kid (thinks) 'Oh, this book doesn't reflect me.'"

And while inclusivity is a primary goal of the book, the main purpose is to define words kids might hear but not understand and facilitate discussion, he says.

"'Sexy' is a great example," he says "I say 'some people think sexy is this' (in one chapter) and that gives parents an opportunity to say 'In our family, sexy is something else.'"

Bug in a Vacuum

Opening a discussion was a key goal for Melanie Watt's *Bug in a Vacuum*, (Tundra Books, \$24.99, out now), which follows a fly



sucked into a vacuum as it (and its wiener-dog friend on the outside) go through the five stages of grief, she says.

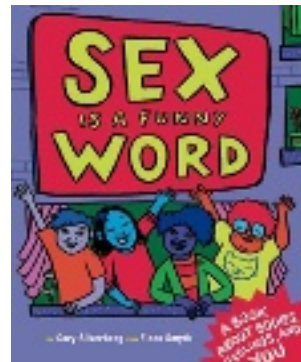
The book, for kids five to nine, isn't explicitly about death, but there are overtones towards the topic (the bug deals with the realization that it might never escape the vacuum, while the dog deals with the loss of its friend).

"The two characters both struggle with a problem. They react in similar ways, but for totally different reasons," she says. "I think that's a nice metaphor to

life: Everyone can go through a difficult moment, and it's OK, because you're not alone."

Today is the Day

Of course, being alone is a relative concept. Eric Walters' *Today is the Day*, (Tundra Books, \$19.99, out Oct. 13, 2015) helps kids tackle what happens to youth in nations with high mortality rates. Set in Kenya, the story, for kids five to nine, follows a young girl celebrating her birthday alongside the rest of the orphanage. All the kids celebrate on the same day, as most don't have re-



Books are a tool that can help make very difficult conversations a little easier.

Author and sex educator
Cory Silverberg

cords of when they were born. The epilogue explains many children in the region grow up without parents due to HIV/AIDS, but they too have value and are deserving of birthdays.

"Books are a tool that can help make very difficult conversations a little easier," adds Silverberg. It isn't that kids don't understand these big concepts like war, death, disease, sex, or gender issues, he says.

"Often these conversations don't go well because of a lack of language.

"Kids are smart — they understand the world around them — they just want the right words."

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Del Toro goes dark again in Sicario

Q & A

There's talk that role could earn actor an Oscar nod

Sicario, opening Friday, puts actor Benicio Del Toro in the same U.S.-Mexico drug war milieu as Traffic, the 2000 Steven Soderbergh film that won Del Toro the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor. There's serious talk of another Oscar for him.

His predatory character Alejandro in Sicario, a Mexican operative involved in an FBI and DEA sting on an entrenched and violent drug cartel, is decidedly more threatening than the conflicted cop Del Toro played in Traffic. But he similarly radiates a sense of righteousness out of the gloom, which he was happy to discuss.

You play dark characters so well. Are you happy to do so? When I first started acting, the characters that turned me on were characters by ac-

tors that I looked up to, guys like Robert De Niro and Al Pacino, and later Sean Penn and Mickey Rourke.... There's something about the characters who are conflicted where you can perhaps play different notes or go against it and find stuff that you never thought you would. But I think doing a character that is dark or doing a character that is light is equally as complicated. One thing about this character (Alejandro) was to make sure that less is more.

You aren't from Mexico, but you've often played Mexican characters. You convey understanding and empathy for the country.

I've been to Mexico many times. It's a country that I admire, its history and culture. It's one of my favourite countries to visit. In order to do this film, I talked to DEA friends of mine who are involved or have been involved in this world to get information about that because I don't know much about this problem in Mexico with the violence ... I like to talk to them and ask questions to

see what could be believable, what would not be believable, and then from there it gives me a sense. It grounds me.

The drug-cartel violence in Sicario seems all too frighteningly real, threatening to overwhelm legal authorities and society itself. Does it seem this bleak to you in real life?

It's really scary. Ruben Blades, a singer-songwriter and actor from Panama, has talked about the situation, how it's gotten out of hand and how it's no longer a problem just for Mexico. It's a problem for other Latin American countries, the United States, Canada, the world. Mexicans need help from other people. But I believe there's hope.

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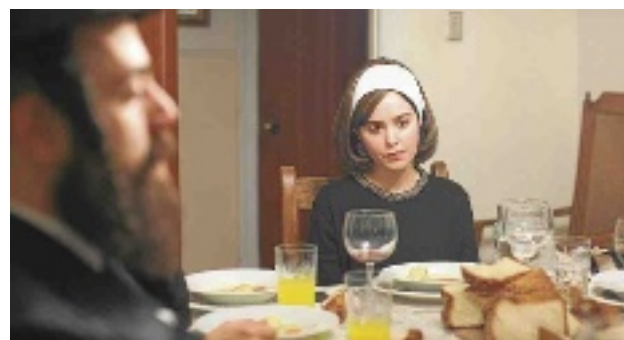
GOSSIP

Frances Bean Cobain reportedly married without telling mom

They grow up so fast. Frances Bean Cobain, 23, the daughter of Kurt Cobain and Courtney Love, reportedly married boyfriend Isaiah Silva in a super-secret ceremony, according to E! News — So secret that Not even Love knew about it.

"Courtney loves Isaiah but was devastated to learn that Frances had gotten married without her knowing," a source says. "Courtney really likes Isaiah and is very happy for Frances...

Frances needs a man in her life and has always craved stability. She's found it in Isaiah. This has not caused a rift between mom and daughter." NED EHRBAR/METRO HOLLYWOOD



Felix and Meira takes place in Montreal's Mile End. HANDOUT

OSCAR HOPEFUL

Foreign language pick: Felix et Meira

Maxime Giroux's Felix et Meira has been selected as Canada's Oscar hopeful in the best foreign-language film category.

It stars Martin Dubreuil and Hadas Yaron and deals with the unusual romance between a married Orthodox Jewish woman and a young man mourning his father's death in Montreal's Mile End neighbourhood. Telefilm Canada made it official at a Montreal news conference on Friday in the presence of its elated director.

"It's difficult for me to say in English, but I guess 'wow' in English is OK?" Giroux said laughing. "It's a Montreal film — it's in French, in English, in Yiddish," he added. "I'm really happy that I'm here to repre-

sent Canada and also Montreal."

Co-producer Sylvain Corbeil noted the film was made on a budget of about \$800,000 and was shot in Venice and New York City among other locations.

Writing the script was difficult because it was not easy to research the closed community. Corbeil also hailed the actors — many of them came from Hasidic backgrounds and had left the community. "Through our research for this film, we discovered it was a very, very huge step to make because once you leave the community, you're an outcast in your family, in your community," Corbeil said. "For them to have this courage was a great source of inspiration for us." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Home, sweet, home

If you think you don't need insurance because you don't own a home it could end up costing you money

Picture this: You are renting an apartment and you go to work one day. But the tenant above you left the water running in the tub. Their place floods and the water starts leaking through the ceiling, destroying your computer, furniture and precious antique clock. The really bad news? You don't have insurance.

"Renters definitely need insurance, but many people don't even think about that," said Pete Karageorgos, director of consumer and industry relations at Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) in Toronto.

Everyone from apartment dwellers to students living away from home need tenant's insurance, as it can help protect you in the event of loss or damage.

"It's a good investment," Karageorgos said. "A landlord will have insurance, but that's for the building itself. That won't protect your personal belongings. You need to do that yourself."

But that's not all. Let's say you are the one who causes damage to other units, or you have a party and someone trips over your rug and crashes into the glass coffee table — you could be on the hook.

"You are responsible," Karageorgos said.

But what does tenant's insurance really cover?

- It protects your stuff, everything from furniture to your new expensive laptop.
- It protects you if you cause someone harm in your building or if you damage someone else's property in your building.
- Additional expenses after a loss, such as a place to stay temporarily if your apartment needs repairs.

How much you can expect to pay for insurance coverage varies widely, of course, but it's generally less than the cost of a daily run to the coffee shop. Karageorgos recommends researching different levels of coverage, calling to get quotes, and visiting IBC's website (ibc.ca) for free information and advice.

And if someone tells Karageorgos that they can't afford insurance coverage, he asks them if they can really afford not to have it.

"Imagine the cost of having to replace all your belongings at once. It's peace of mind."

DONNA PARIS/FOR METRO



Shopping for the best insurance premiums takes time and plenty of research. Be sure to ask questions. SHUTTERSTOCK

Four common questions

Analise Smart For Metro

Buying insurance can create peace of mind, but there may also be pitfalls.

Daniel Mirkovic, president of Square One, a Vancouver-based company that specializes in home insurance, shares his top insurance mistakes.

1 IMPROPERLY DESCRIBING HOW THE HOME IS USED. Mirkovic said that in addition to letting your insurance provider know basic things like whether the prop-

erty you are buying is going to be your primary home, you should also let them know if you plan to rent out a room. Failure to disclose, he said, can void your entire policy.

"The reality is that it will cost you more to disclose, but not that much more, maybe an extra \$50 a year or so."

2 NOT HAVING INFORMATION ON THE HOME. Information about the electrical system, the plumbing or even when the hot water tank was last replaced are common questions an insurance provider might ask because it affects their assessment of risk.

"It can often be frustrating for customers going through the quotes if they don't have that information," Mirkovic said. "With some companies if you don't have that information they're not even going to be able to issue you a policy."

3 NAMED PERILS ONLY. While you might think insuring your home against only specific types of damage is a good idea, Mirkovic said it isn't. He said it is better to go with a comprehensive policy (these will cover everything, except what is specifically excluded, typically war, terrorism and overland flooding). Find sav-

ings instead by not insuring items that you could deal with losing or can afford to replace yourself, he said.

4 SELECTING DEDUCTIBLES THAT ARE TOO LOW. Mirkovic said low deductibles are a throwback to the early days of insurance policies, when \$250 was a lot of money. And while some companies might still offer these 1960s prices, you are doing yourself a disservice by choosing this option because your monthly payments will be much higher.

"It really doesn't make sense to go with anything lower than \$1,000 these days," he said.

It may be best to wait to buy life insurance

Getting life insurance for the first time can be an overwhelming experience if you don't know what to expect.

Jack Hungelmann, author of Insurance For Dummies, says there are a few things to keep in mind when purchasing a life insurance plan.

DO YOU NEED IT RIGHT NOW?

Hungelmann said many people make the mistake of buying insurance too early. He said you should consider life insurance if you have people who depend on you financially, or if there is a mortgage or something similar involved where your partner would not be able to keep up with the payments should they lose you.

THEY WILL ASK YOU QUESTIONS

Your insurance provider will be asking you personal health and lifestyle questions. Blood tests

and medical exams are common, including things like HIV tests, Hungelmann said, as are questions about recreational activities, addictions and your driving record. While it might seem like your insurance provider is going to know every intimate detail of your life, they need be thorough.

PERMANENT INSURANCE

Going with a permanent life insurance option might seem like the safest bet, but Hungelmann said because it is so much more expensive than term, it can work against you.

"What happens is people buy permanent, and because it's sizably more expensive when they're young, it straps their pocketbook so much that they don't buy all the insurance they need. Term is the way to go when you're young; permanent is something you can work up to later."

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RATES

Momma told you ... you better shop around

Liz Brown For Metro

It's a basic truism in auto insurance — the best drivers get the best rates. But that speeding ticket and fender-bender from last year can't be changed. Fortunately, there are other factors within your control that can help you negotiate the best car insurance rates.

After a clean driving record, considering the car you drive is the next place to look when trying to lower your insurance rates, said Pete Karageorgos, Ontario's director of consumer and industry relations for the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC).

"It's a given that a high-end luxury automobile like a Mercedes will cost more to insure, but there are also some vehicles out there that have better ratings in terms of safety features and frequency of theft."

IBC offers a report on its website (ibc.ca) called How Cars Measure Up that offers data from past years claims, which provides a glimpse into what models will be more costly for coverage.

"For example, the Honda Civic and Ford F-150 are two vehicles that are on our most stolen list every year, so they cost more to provide coverage to," Karageorgos said.

When people are purchasing a new or used vehicle, they often factor in gas mileage and maintenance costs, but Karageorgos recommends they also call their insurance company to see how much the vehicle costs to insure.

"Usually, people have two or three types of vehicles they are looking at. Ongoing costs like insurance should be a factor in deciding what car you will buy."

For those confident in their conscientious driving, some Canadian insurance companies have introduced telematics, which can track your driving habits and provide personalized data that can help reduce your rates.

"It monitors how far you drive, what time of day you drive, how hard you brake, how fast you accelerate," Karageorgos said.

In the end, it all comes down to shopping around and finding the right coverage.

"Shop around and get various quotes at various levels of coverages and deductibles," Karageorgos said. "There can be a huge variance between insurance companies."



Insurance providers need to be thorough so they will ask you plenty of personal health and lifestyle questions. SHUTTERSTOCK

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Cam Ward Sunday night in St. John's, N.L. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL PRESEASON

Canes snap tie with Sens

Jacob Slavin broke a tie late in the third period and Cam Ward made 26 saves as the Carolina Hurricanes beat the Ottawa Senators 2-1 on Sunday in NHL pre-season play.

Slavin broke down the right side and put a shot over Andrew Hammond after taking a feed from Kris Versteeg.

Brock McGinn opened the scoring for Carolina in the first period after being sent in on a breakaway by Riley Nash.

Shane Prince tied it in the second after taking advantage of a Hurricanes turnover. Hammond made 24 saves for the Senators.

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Donaldson walkoff a fitting home finale

MLB

Blue Jays come from behind to maintain late-season streak

The Blue Jays' celebrations continued on the field Sunday as Josh Donaldson's walk-off solo homer served up a wild ending to Toronto's regular-season home finale before another Rogers Centre sellout.

The ninth-inning blast to left field gave Toronto a 5-4 comeback win over the Tampa Bay Rays, the latest exclamation point in a year to remember for both Donaldson and the Jays.

"He's got that flair for the dramatic," said Toronto manager John Gibbons, whose team leads the majors with 221 homers. "He really does. He's done that so many times this year.

"Really it was a perfect ending for our home season this year, it really was."

Of Donaldson's 41 home runs this season, 27 have either tied the game or given Toronto the lead. He has three walk-off homers for the year — a franchise record — and has seven over the last three seasons. No other player has more than three.

"Ever since I was young, I've always looked forward to the



Josh Donaldson follows through on his ninth-inning home run against the Tampa Bay Rays on Sunday at Rogers Centre. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

SUNDAY in Toronto



big moments in the game," said Donaldson. "And I want to be able to come through.

"If it wasn't for my teammates today, I'm not even put in that position," he added gra-

ciously. "I think they did a great job of battling the entire time."

Toronto out-hit Tampa 10-6 in winning its fourth straight. The Jays close out the season on the road with four games in Baltimore and three in Tampa.

With a wild-card already assured, the goal is to win the American League East and secure home-field advantage. Toronto's magic number is four.

The Yankees defeated the White Sox 6-1 Sunday to remain

four games behind the Jays in the AL East.

The Jays are tied with Kansas City for the best record in the AL at 90-85. Amazingly the Jays were 51-51 on July 29 while the Royals were 61-39.

Sunday's dramatic win followed the Jays' short but intense post-game celebrations Saturday to mark ending the club's 22-year playoff drought.

"It got a little out of hand for the situation, after we had a



It was the perfect ending for our home season.

Jays' manager John Gibbons

talk before the game (Saturday) about just a toast and that was it," acknowledged Toronto starter Mark Buehrle, who stepped away from the festivities.

The champagne and cigars were put away Sunday, but Donaldson still needed a towel before the day was done.

After sending an 0-1 delivery from Steve Goltz (2-6) towards the left-field seats, Donaldson stopped, dropped the bat and then worked his way around the bases in front of a delirious crowd of 47,287.

Mayhem awaited him.

Donaldson was doused by Gatorade as he disappeared into a scrum of teammates upon crossing the plate, to chants of M-V-P. The third baseman was then doused with popcorn and assorted other liquids during his post-game TV interview.

Starter Mark Buehrle, who was 5-1 with a 2.94 ERA over his last 10 home starts, pitched six solid innings for the Jays. He gave up four runs on five hits with five strikeouts and one walk in a 90-pitch outing that featured 60 strikes.

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Ben Roethlisberger clutches his leg after being injured in the third quarter on Sunday in St. Louis.

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Steelers win despite hurt

NHL

Roethlisberger sidelined by knee injury in sack tackle

Ben Roethlisberger stayed down a long time, needed plenty of help getting off the field and finally was carted off with a left knee injury.

The Pittsburgh Steelers needed their defence to step up without a quarterback who has been hard to knock out, holding off the St. Louis Rams 12-6 on Sunday.

Le'Veon Bell scored from a yard out in the first half in his first game back after a suspension, but the Steelers' focus will be on the status of their star quarterback.

Will Allen's interception with 1:56 left set up a field goal by Josh Scobee to put Pittsburgh ahead by six points.

Pittsburgh (2-1) averaged 32 points in its first two games

but was held down well before Roethlisberger's leg got caught underneath him on a diving, sliding sack by Mark Barron.

The Rams (1-2) were limited to two field goals by Greg Zuerlein and have scored just 16 points the last two games. Their last chance ended when the Steelers successfully challenged a potential first-down catch by Kenny Britt near mid-field with 1:19 to play.

Roethlisberger hasn't missed a game since late in 2012. He won his franchise-record 108th game, passing Hall-of-Famer Terry Bradshaw, while going 20 of 24 for 192 yards and an interception.

There was no immediate word on the extent of Roethlisberger's injury.

Backup Michael Vick was 5 of 6 for 38 yards and had two carries for minus-2 yards.

Attendance of 52,433 included thousands of Pittsburgh faithful that still left the Edward Jones Dome more than 13,000 shy of capacity.

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PGA TOUR

Spieth earns record pay with FedEx Cup

At age 22, Jordan Spieth became the first \$22-million man in golf Sunday.

Spieth capped off a dream season when he poured in putts from all over East Lake and closed with a 1-under 69 for a four-shot victory in the Tour Championship. That was all he needed to become the youngest player to capture the FedEx Cup and its \$10 million bonus.

His fifth victory of the year, including two majors, was worth

\$1,485,000 and allowed the Texan to set a PGA Tour record with \$12,030,465. And if that wasn't enough, Spieth went back to No. 1 in the world.

His battle with Henrik Stenson long over, Spieth finished it off in fitting fashion. He made an 8-foot par putt that was never going anywhere but right in the heart.

"This is one I cannot wait to celebrate," Spieth said.

The first person to greet him

was his little sister, Ellie, who keeps him so grounded. His parents, girlfriend, grandfather and high school friends from Dallas were at East Lake to watch another amazing performance in a year filled with them.

Stenson couldn't do much about it.

On two holes around the turn with the Swede in tight for a certain birdie, Spieth matched him with a 20-foot birdie on the par-5 ninth and a 45-foot birdie

on the par-3 11th. At that point, Stenson just stared at Spieth with a wry smile and patted him on the back.

"It's been a phenomenal year for him," Stenson said after a 72 to tie for second. "I watched it firsthand at the first two rounds at Augusta, and he played phenomenal and putted phenomenal. And it was the same putting display, really, today — just an exhibition on the greens, to be honest." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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IN BRIEF

Leafs clean house

First-round draft pick Mitch Marner was reassigned to the London Knights of the Ontario Hockey League by the Toronto Maple Leafs on Sunday.

Also cut from Toronto were veteran forwards Curtis Glencross and Devin Setoguchi. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Luck is with Colts

Sunday wasn't the Tennessee Titans' day.

Indianapolis Colts QB Andrew Luck threw two touchdown passes 56 seconds apart in the fourth quarter as he rallied the Colts to their first win this season, beating the Titans 35-33. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada



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Ready in

Prep time: 15 minutes

Serves 4**Ingredients**

- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 small head of kale
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup pecans, roughly chopped
- Dressing
- 1/2 cup crumbled goat cheese

Directions

1. Season chicken with a

pinch of salt and pepper. Grill breasts on the barbecue or a grill pan for about 5 minutes a side until they are cooked through. Set aside.

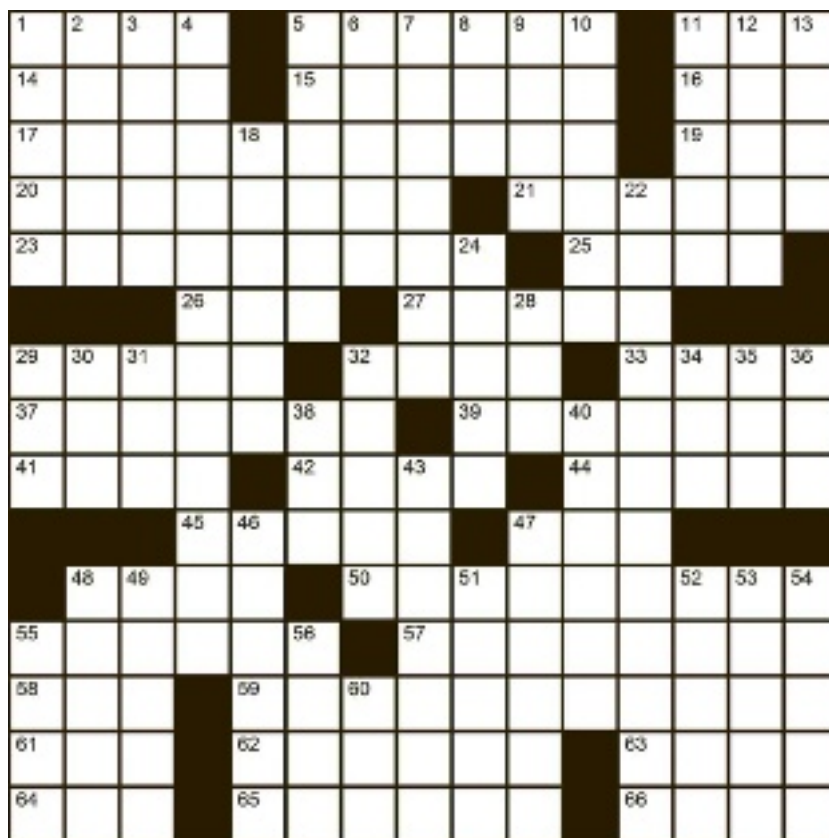
2. Wash kale and use a sharp knife to cut out the rib of each leaf. Slice the leaves horizontally into ribbons. Drizzle with a bit of olive oil, toss, then massage leaves for a minute or two.

3. Cut chicken into bite-sized pieces. Toss the chicken, berries and pecans in with the kale. Pour a small amount of salad dressing over and toss. Crumble the goat cheese over the salad. Place the extra dressing on the table for anyone who would like a little more on their salad.

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BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

**ACROSS**

1. Ancient's 750
5. Takes time drinking: 2 wds.
11. Carpentry tool
14. Et _ (And others, in Latin)
15. Must pay someone: 2 wds.
16. Your, biblically
17. Mount Vesuvius destroyed Pompeii ... but what other town did it also bury in 79 A.D.?
19. Small, small-ly
20. Scotland's infamous monster: 2 wds.
21. Comfort from strife
23. Old-fashioned communication: 2 wds.
25. Hurry things along
26. Author, Anais _
27. Like porridge bits
29. "10" (1979) star Bo
32. Dynamites
33. Focuses
37. Sugar pill, in clinical trials
39. Cafeteria uniform requirement
41. Macbeth's burial place
42. Some PCs
44. Hosiery brand
45. Skin products giant
47. Nov.'s follower
48. Pasturelands
50. _ of North America (Nicknae given to Quebec City by English writer Charles Dickens because of its fortification)
55. Baggies brand

57. Verdi opera, La _
58. Blood-typing letters
59. Canadian actor whose films include Saving Private Ryan, The Green Mile and 61" in which he played baseball legend Roger

- Maris: 2 wds.
61. B'way's setting
 62. Each
 63. Reasoned
 64. Impatient shout!
 65. Paperback-purchasing person
 66. Ballpark figs.

DOWN

1. Arlene and Roald
2. Demagogue of ancient Athens
3. Around, in dates
4. Island of Montreal waterway, a National Historic Site of Canada: 2 wds.
5. Earnest

6. " _ _ _ Teenage Werewolf" (1957)
7. CPP = Canada _ Plan
8. Opposite NNW
9. Giant of ancient Greek mythology
10. Rock band, Faith _ _
11. Bodybuilding

- legend Charles
12. Question of selection
13. Mr. Lovett
18. Dissimilar
22. Rare space event spotted by Earthlings: 2 wds.
24. Wood strips
28. Airt' travel screening gr.
29. Printer resolution meas.
30. Bitty Brit band
31. Campaigned
32. "Ain't Too Proud _ _ _" by The Temptations
34. Beethoven's "Minuet _ _"
35. Ms. Ryan
36. Canonized titles [abbr.]
38. BBD = Bell _ DeVoe
40. " _ _ _" (Bequeather's sentence-starter in a will)
43. _ _ _ (Restaurant occupation)
46. Meteorological map line
47. "Mad Men" guy Don
48. Where Tripoli is the capital
49. Era
51. Actress, _ Dallas Howard
52. Spanish appetizers
53. Pitching _ _ (Camper's task)
54. Some restaurant steak orders
55. Whacky
56. Superman's outfit part
60. Narrow inlet

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

♈ **Aries** March 21 - April 20
If you are not entirely happy with the way your life is going then do something about it. The lunar eclipse will make it easy for you to get rid of the old and make room for the new.

♉ **Taurus** April 21 - May 21
Common sense will clash with ambition today. Be careful that your words and actions do not create resentment as it could cause problems down the road.

♊ **Gemini** May 22 - June 21
Cosmic activity may be boosting your confidence but there are still some things that won't come easy. Don't take anything for granted because the moment you do is the moment things will go wrong.

♋ **Cancer** June 22 - July 23
So many of the difficulties you have been experiencing recently will fade. There will, of course, still be times when you feel as if life is conspiring against you but accept it and deal with it. It's not a crisis.

♌ **Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23
You are in a forgiving mood. But let others know you won't be taken advantage of. Don't give the impression that you are going soft!

♍ **Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You need to accept that certain people and certain situations are too big for you to handle and focus instead on the things that you can have some effect on. Everyone has limits — work within yours.

♎ **Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Good things are happening now but don't take your luck for granted. The lunar eclipse will remind you how easy it is for things to fall apart. Not that they will, but it's a timely warning.

♏ **Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Disputes are likely and you will clash with someone in a position of authority. That's okay. The more you fight for your rights now the less likely it is you will be cheated later.

♐ **Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Check the facts, both in your personal life and at work. You must not take anything at face value over the next few days, not even if it comes from a trusted source.

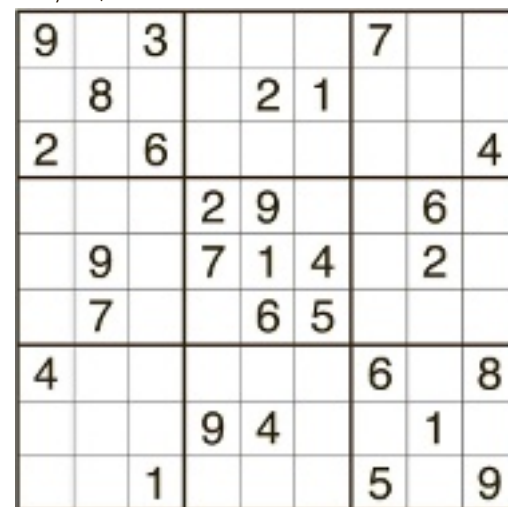
♑ **Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Good news is coming your way, but is it good news you can trust? The lunar eclipse warns that there could be a catch. You are skilled at spotting tricksters but today it won't be so easy.

♒ **Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may be enthusiastic about what you are working on but don't take on too many tasks. People won't be amused if you fail to deliver what you promised.

♓ **Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20
Make sure you keep track of how much money you spend because you could easily get carried away and empty your pockets without much to show for it at the end.

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